

## EXTENSION OF GENERAL CLAIMS COMMISSION

*Convention signed at México September 2, 1929, modifying convention of September 8, 1923, as modified*

*Ratified by the President of the United States September 25, 1929, pursuant to Senate resolution of May 25, 1929*<sup>1</sup>

*Ratified by Mexico October 4, 1929*

*Ratifications exchanged at México October 10, 1929*

*Entered into force October 10, 1929*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States October 16, 1929*

*Expired August 30, 1931*

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WHEREAS a convention was signed on September 8, 1923,<sup>2</sup> between the United States of America and the United Mexican States for the settlement and amicable adjustment of certain claims therein defined; and

WHEREAS under Article VI of said Convention the Commission constituted pursuant thereto is bound to hear, examine and decide within three years from the date of its first meeting all the claims filed with it, except as provided in Article VII; and

WHEREAS by a convention concluded between the two Governments on August 16, 1927,<sup>3</sup> the time for hearing, examining and deciding the said claims was extended for a period of two years; and

WHEREAS it now appears that the said Commission can not hear, examine and decide such claims within the time limit thus fixed;

The President of the United States of America and the President of the United Mexican States are desirous that the time thus fixed for the duration of the said Commission should be further extended, and to this end have named as their respective plenipotentiaries, that is to say:

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<sup>1</sup> The Senate resolution requested the President "in his discretion, to negotiate and conclude with the Mexican Government such agreement or agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for the further extension of the duration of the General Claims Commission provided for in the Convention of September 8, 1923, between the United States and Mexico, in order to permit of the hearing, examination and decision of all claims within the jurisdiction of the said Commission under the terms of the said Convention, and to make such further arrangement as in his judgment may be deemed appropriate for the expeditious adjudication of such claims".

<sup>2</sup> TS 678, *ante*, p. 935.

<sup>3</sup> TS 758, *ante*, p. 957.

The President of the United States of America, Herschel V. Johnson, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of the United States of America in Mexico; and

The President of the United Mexican States, Señor Genaro Estrada, Under Secretary of State in charge of Foreign Affairs;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following Articles:

#### ARTICLE I

The High Contracting Parties agreed that the term assigned by Article VI of the convention of September 8, 1923, as extended by Article I of the convention concluded between the two Governments on August 16, 1927, for the hearing, examination and decision of claims for loss or damage accruing prior to September 8, 1923, shall be and the same hereby is further extended for a time not exceeding two years from August 30, 1929, the day when, pursuant to the provisions of the said Article I of the convention concluded between the two Governments on August 16, 1927, the functions of the said Commission would terminate in respect of such claims; and that during such extended term the Commission shall also be bound to hear, examine and decide all claims for loss or damage accruing between September 8, 1923, and August 30, 1927, inclusive, and filed with the Commission not later than August 30, 1927.

It is agreed that nothing contained in this Article shall in any wise alter or extend the time originally fixed in the said convention of September 8, 1923, for the presentation of claims to the Commission, or confer upon the Commission any jurisdiction over any claim for loss or damage accruing subsequent to August 30, 1927.

#### ARTICLE II

The Present Convention shall be ratified and the ratifications shall be exchanged in the City of Mexico as soon as possible.

In witness whereof the above mentioned Plenipotentiaries have signed the same and affixed their respective seals.

Done in duplicate in the City of Mexico in the English and Spanish languages, this second day of September in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty nine.

HERSCHEL V. JOHNSON [SEAL]

G. ESTRADA [SEAL]